

Salem Marion Co. Ill Jan 17
1860

Prof A Gray

Dear Sir,

I should have answered your last letter immediately upon its receipt but I delayed writing in order that I might send the amount due you for herbarium paper - You will receive a part of the sum in a few days in the shape of a draft - the remainder will be forthcoming as soon as I can make collections - I am in a new place - and leaving my business north - along with a very prevalent idea among western debtors that "these times" it borders on the insulting to ask for pay - has left my pocket book in a collapsed condition -

I am gratified to learn that my specimens were acceptable - I intend the coming season to collect largely and would like to exchange, with some European Botanists

I noticed yesterday while fastening down specimens of the